County Facts: Franklin County, KY
Population 50,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate: 4.1% (Franklin County), 4.9% (KY), 4.4% (United States)
Poverty rate: 14.2% (Franklin County), 18.5% (KY), 15.1% (United States)
Median family income (000s): $57 (Franklin County), $54 (KY), $46 (United States)
Population growth 2000-2017: 6% (Franklin County), 10% (KY), 10% (United States)
Manufacturing share of workforce: 16% (Franklin County), 15% (KY), 10% (United States)
Farming share of workforce: 3.8% (Franklin County), 14% (KY), 10% (United States)
Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 4.8% (Franklin County), 4.7% (KY), 4.5% (United States)

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college: 50% (Franklin County), 43% (KY), 15% (United States)
Percent reaching upper-middle class: 20% (Franklin County), 15% (KY), 6% (United States)
Percent achieving American Dream: 10% (Franklin County), 7% (KY), 17% (United States)
Percent giving birth as a teen: 21% (Franklin County), 20% (KY), 20% (United States)
Percent landing in jail: 1.5% (Franklin County), 1.4% (KY), 1.3% (United States)
Local school expenditure per student (000s): $6.4 (Franklin County), $6.1 (KY), $5.5 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: Franklin County 18.2%, Kentucky State Univ. (public) 9.8%, U.S. 4-year-college average 9.3%
- Low-income student success rate: Franklin County 34.8%, Kentucky State Univ. (public) 38.4%, U.S. 4-year-college average 51.3%

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: Franklin County 11.3%, Kentucky 2-year-college average 15.6%, U.S. 2-year-college average 28.2%
- Low-income student success rate: Franklin County 83, Kentucky 2-year-college average 76, U.S. 2-year-college average 83.2

*: Data refers to the full college system, not just this campus. †: In nearby county

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: Franklin County 8%, Kentucky 9%, United States 14%
- Percent Hispanic: Franklin County 3%, Kentucky 3%, United States 17%
- Percent over age 65: Franklin County 14%, Kentucky 14.0%, United States 21%
- Percent college grad: Franklin County 3.3%, Kentucky 18%, United States 83
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): Franklin County 76, Kentucky 72, United States 80.5
- Life expectancy (years): Franklin County 81.9, Kentucky 83, United States 83.2
- Opioid deaths (deaths per 10K residents): Franklin County 26, Kentucky 15, United States 42
Definitions and Sources

The Local Economy
- Unemployment rate (August 2018, BLS)
- Poverty rate (2012-2016 ACS)
- Median family income (2016 ACS)
- Manufacturing share of workforce (2012-2016 ACS)
- Farming share of workforce (2012-2016 ACS)
- Great Recession unemployment spike (BLS LAUS)

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out
- Percent graduating any college (2-yr or 4-yr, Tax Data 2, N/A for some counties)
- Percent reaching upper middle-class (top 20% of the U.S. income distribution, Tax Data 1, N/A for some counties)
- Percent achieving American Dream (share of local low-income kids—i.e. those with 25th-income-percentile parents—who reach the top 20% of the U.S. income distribution as adults, Tax Data 1, N/A for some counties)
- Percent (of local female kids) giving birth as a teen (Tax Data 1, N/A for some counties)
- Percent landing in jail (percent of local kids in jail on 1 April 2010, Tax Data 1 and 2010 Census, N/A for some counties)
- Local school expenditure per student (in public schools, NCES, N/A for some counties)

Local Colleges and Upward Mobility
- Low-income share of students (share of age-18-22 students with bottom-20% parents, Tax Data 2)
- Low-income student success rate (share of low-income age-18-22 students who reach the top 40% of the U.S. income distribution as adults, Tax Data 2)

Local Demographics
- Percent Black (2012-2016 ACS)
- Percent Hispanic (2012-2016 ACS)
- Percent over age 65 (2010 Census)
- Percent college grad (4-yr college, 2012-2016 ACS)
- Crime rate (serious violent and property arrests per 10,000 residents, FBI Uniform Crime Reports, N/A for some counties)
- Life expectancy (at age 40, Tax Data 3, N/A for some counties)
- Opioid deaths (per 10,000 residents in 2017, CDC, N/A for some counties and some counties report population weighted communting zone average)

Sources Legend
- ACS: U.S. Census Bureau American Community Surveys, 2012-2016
- CDC: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. Multiple Cause of Death 1999-2017 on CDC WONDER Online Database.
- Census: U.S. Census Bureau